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A nov bigamist is the latest sensation. He's fin de siècle with a vengeance.

The great fault with most schemes of home rule hitherto has been that they haven't the slightest relation to the golden rule.

The cholera news is not yet positively alarming, but it is sufficiently serious to justify early and thorough precautions against a possible epidemic during the coming summer.

A round weight of bees contains 5,232 of the honey-gathering insects. Actual experience, however, shows that each busy little creature has a ton of stung concealed in his pistol pocket.

Mrs. TALMAGE is the fortunate possessor of a Russian sable cloak which, when worn, reaches down to her feet. Her husband gained something more than the mere friendship of the Czar by his visit to Russia.

Two MISSOURIANS quarreled—as to the substantiality of Santa Claus. Argument became warm; and the unbeliever had his skull cracked with a poker. A trifling incident, but one showing the practical value of faith.

A WOMAN, assuredly not informed as to the facial vulnerability of Johan Most, recently spoiled a good whip by laying it across his bulging cheek. However, criticism of her judgment is not meant to imply that her heart is not in the right place.

A TELEGRAM announces that a woman somewhere in England swallowed a razor, to the serious inconvenience of her digestion. At first the act seems one of carelessness, but, in justice to the woman, it must be said that she first closed the razor.

Who says poetry doesn't pay? The estate of Tennyson amounts to nearly \$1,000,000. And even Whittier left property valued at \$133,729.39. One eye of the poet of the present day may roll in fine frenzy, but with the other one he keeps a sharp look-out for the spondulics.

CHICAGO'S latest hold-up was perpetrated by a husband whose wife was the victim. He elevated her heel, and shook her until money concealed about her person fell to the floor. His only possible excuse was that he needed the money, and that she had hidden it in her pocket.

A MINNESOTA woman, married but two weeks, eloped with another man. While her husband was congratulating himself he made the discovery that the elopers had taken his clothes along, and the gloom that settled upon him was profound. It was humiliating to think that he had been used merely as a dummy for the tailor to fit the raiment of another upon.

A SPRINGFIELD (Mass.) man has sued a friend for \$10,000 for alienating the affections of his wife. Pretty high price that to put upon the favor of a faithless spouse. If she'd been a good, true woman now, the gentleman's estimate of the value of her feminine graces might have been admitted by a jury, providing most of its members were happily married.

That projected railroad through the Yellowstone Park should never be built. It is simply a branch to some mining camp called Cooke City. The public is not interested in Cooke City, but it is in the Yellowstone Park. They can reach railroad communication without running through the park. Under no conditions should Congress permit the outrage.

In China when a bank fails they behead the cashier. Up in Redwood Falls, Minn., the other day a bank failed and the creditors tried to dynamite the cashier and the president into the bargain, though both were confined in jail. China isn't 4,000 years ahead of Redwood in the matter of dealing with criminals, whatever she may claim with regard to the rest of this country.

The Navajos protest against the invasion of the San Juan country by the white men who are attracted by the stories of gold discoveries in that region, but nobody listens to them. Nobody ever has listened to an Indian

under similar circumstances. The aborigine who is rash enough to get into the path of the Caucasian when the aforesaid Caucasian is looking for gold is always either brushed aside or crushed.

Once more the specter of famine rears its head in Chicago, the shortage this time being in cabbage and corned beef. Chicago is finding the famine method of creating a corner quite profitable, but the present one is not judicious. The fact may not be appreciated in Chicago that World's Fair visitors have not been contemplating revelry that shall have cabbage and corned beef as central figures.

ISLAM missionaries are coming to this country intent upon turning Christianity from the error of its ways. Doubtless the plan will be looked upon as wanton presumption, and the turbulent visitors as assisted immigrants. Yet missionaries go from the United States to preach under the shadow of the mosque, so that, fairly viewed, the Islamic invasion can be termed nothing more harsh than practical reciprocity.

Some one has figured out, from classical allusions that in the time of Homer it required the labor of one person to grind the flour to feed sixteen. The work of one man in a merchant flour mill running continually will certainly suffice to feed 5,000 people. Edward Atkinson has shown that, under the improvements in railway transportation and the consequent cheapening of rates, the labor of one man for one day is now sufficient, on the average, to move a barrel of flour a thousand miles.

The wheat crop of the United Kingdom is 18,000,000 bushels less than the 74,700,000 bushels harvested last year. This will entail the necessity of importing 180,000,000 bushels of wheat or flour from without. Agriculture everywhere in the United Kingdom is decaying, at least so far as the production of cereal crops is concerned. "It would seem," says William Jago, "that gradually this country is being converted into a huge workshop, and that its agricultural pursuits are being gradually extinguished. The cry has long been for cheap bread, and we have got it; but may it not be possible to buy cheap bread at too dear a price?"

IDAHO'S diamond fields have proved as thin a bubble as any ever brought to public notice. It reached its maximum size within ten days, and its collapse was even more rapid than its growth. According to the latest reports from the scene, the announcement of the existence of precious stones in Diamond Basin was made by interested parties, with ulterior motives and with a full knowledge of the fact that no diamonds were ever found in the formation which comprised this particular locality. Instead of the ground being of volcanic origin, it is decomposed granite, well besprinkled with shiny pebbles and quartz crystals, which, to the unscientific, might readily be mistaken for gems in the rough.

ALT. authorities agree that cholera is a fifth disease. Consular inspection at foreign ports should not be restricted to examination of merchandise before it is placed in the holds of ships not to immigrants before they are permitted to go aboard. The holds of ocean vessels, especially those that carry steerage passengers and inferior merchandise, like rats, are filthy year in and year out, and the sanitary accommodations furnished for immigrants are so imperfect that the ship becomes a pesthouse at sea even if comparatively clean when leaving port. There has been no efficient investigation up to this time of the caverns of these immigrant-carrying vessels in which human beings are packed as shamefully and cruelly as cattle before laws were passed for their protection. If cholera reach us the fifth of the second-class ships will be a fertile promotor of it.

Owls Wanted. In May last a meeting of farmers was held in Edinburgh to consider what means should be taken in connection with the plague of mice, or "voles," which at present extends over the southern counties of Scotland. There was a demand for the reintroduction of owls, to the extermination of which, as well as of other birds and animals which prey upon mice, the plague is attributed. The chairman gave an account of an owl, not before known in Scotland, which had been introduced, and which was said to be very fatal to mice; and he made a plea for the preservation of the owls which already exist.

What may be the result of destroying Nature's equilibrium by exterminating owls, snakes and other useful creatures of God which prey upon vermin is well illustrated by the condition of Southern Scotland, as revealed in the addresses and reports at this Edinburgh meeting. One gentleman said he had gone to a Government official who had looked into the matter in Roxburgh, Dumfries and Kirkcubright. They went over hundreds of acres where not a vestige of vegetation was to be seen. The mice had taken everything.

Another gentleman said that in the high districts about Hawick every farmer had had all his spare hands engaged in killing mice for a long time, but the mice increased so rapidly that no impression was made upon them.

The meeting passed a resolution calling for a Government commission to investigate the matter thoroughly, and see if some remedy could not be provided. In the meantime farmers were urged to encourage the preservation and propagation of all birds and animals which prey upon mice. —Youth's Companion.

FOR OUR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

What Children Have Done, What They Are Doing, and What They Should Do to Pass Their Childhood Days.

Saying No to Myself. Saying no to myself is often a thing that I have to do. No, when I'm cross and lazy; No, when I'm tired and blue. Mother and teacher tell me. They say that is most worth while. It is the one that is always greeted With a ready and cheerful smile.

I find that Yes is over. Waiting to give me joy. That they look as sorry as can be. When No is the word they employ.

If a fellow is not a coward. If a fellow is not a snuff. He will find that self-denial Comes to him often enough.

And "No" to himself full often Is a word he will have to say. In the days when study is hardest. And work is wiser than play.

—Harper's Young People.

Cooked the Crow. I like to believe all the good stories I hear about animals, writes Lillie Hamilton. The London Spectator tells one of a monkey in India that, if it is not true, ought to be, I think. The man who tells it says he was



looking out of his window and saw his cook preparing a fowl for boiling. The monkey was shunning death on the ground near by. A crow coming by the monkey promptly killed it. The cook having finished preparing the fowl, put it in the pot. The monkey gets up, takes out the cook's fowl and puts his own crow in, after having plucked him as he had seen the cook pluck the other fowl just before. Do you believe this? I am sorry to say I do. I like animals so much that I like to believe all the clever stories about them.

Mamma Amused the Children. "Oh, dear, what can we do?" asked Ava, leaning two small elbows on mamma's desk. "Can't you please tell us something to play you used to when you were little, mamma?" "Cause we're so lonesome," piped Edna.

Poor little girls! Mamma couldn't help pitying them just a wee bit. It was a cheerless, windy day, and they were just getting over the measles. "Why don't you swing?" she asked, brightly.

Ava wrinkled up her forehead and twisted her mouth around. "I guess it makes us dizzy," she said, slowly.

"It makes me dizzy, I guess, too," echoed Edna. Mamma laughed. It was plain to be seen that the doorway swing was getting to be an old story. She thought a minute; then she took her silver thimble from her work-basket and stood up in the middle of the room.

"Both of you go behind the door, and blind your eyes," said she. "Shut 'em up," asked Ava.

"Yes," said mamma, "and when I want you to look I'll say, 'Ready.'"

Then she put the silver thimble in one corner of the window sill so it would be easy to find the first time. "Ready!" she cried; "now hunt the thimble." And then she held her hand from as high from the floor as the window-sill was, and sang:

"Little Biddy Bye, About so high."

Just exactly as she used to sing it when she was a little girl.

Then how they hunted—here, there and everywhere except in the corner of the window. It was Edna who spied the thimble there at last, and caught it up with a gleeful shout:

"Here it is! Here it is!"

"Very good," said mamma, laughing. "Now it's Edna's turn to hide it. But I want to use my thimble; so something else."

So Edna brought a spool of twist, and mamma fastened the ends so it wouldn't unwind any more; and then Ava blinded while Edna hid the "thimble" under the cricket cover.

Such fun as it was! The little girls forgot all about being lonesome. Once when Edna blinded her brown eyes in mamma's lap, mamma hid the "thimble" in a funny place. She wound the little end of twist around one of Edna's hot buttons.

Little Biddy Bye, About so high.

sang Ava, putting her hand over her mouth. "Look sharp, Edna."

But Edna couldn't find it, though she looked every one of the hiding-places over and thought; and at last she had to give it up. And just then the twist unwound itself and down dropped the spool.

Then how they laughed; but mamma said Edna must pay a forfeit for giving up.

smile from this small but animated human pyramid.

How Swiss Children Go to Sleep. The Swiss people are very artistic in their tastes, and even the poorest Swiss is neat and tasteful in his home life, says the New York Ledger. Many of the ways of the Swiss are as pretty as their fanciful ideas of building houses. A Swiss mother believes that her child will have bad dreams unless it is crooned to sleep. And so, bending low over the drowsy little one's couch, she sings soothing songs of green pastures and still waters until the little child has breathed itself peacefully into the land of Nod.

Sayings of the Children. SMALL SON—I don't want to wear these things. Mother—Why, those are suspenders. Small Son—I know. I expect you'll be puttin' me in dresses next.—Good News.

LITTLE JOHNNY—Tell me, uncle, is it true that you have lots of money? Uncle—Why, what led you to think so? Enfant—Why, yesterday I heard mamma say you were a rich old imbecile.—New York World.

MAMMA (reprovingly, Sunday)—You told me you were going to play church. Little Dick—"Yes'm." "Then I'd like to know what all this loud laughing is about?" "Oh, that's all right. That's Dot and me. We're the choir."

The boys have been making a great deal of noise and at last their father appears with a strap, and scolding Tommy, begins to scold him. "Do it wear yourself out, father," says Tommy. "Remember that Billy and Johnny have to get some too."—Texas Siftings.

The little girl ran flying down the front steps and called out with agonizing cry: "Papa! Papa!" Papa had started down town. He stopped and waited. "What is it, Bessie?" "I want to kiss you good-by." "Well, dear, why don't you kiss me?" "I will," said the little girl with trembling lip and quivering chin, "as soon as I can make the pucker!"—Exchange.

Open to All.

Foreign art journals recently contained an account of a bargain made by a rich Russian noble with an eminent French artist. The rich man bought a picture which the painter had just finished, and which was considered his masterpiece, giving a higher price than was asked for it on condition that the artist should never make a copy or retain a photograph or even a study of it.

The Russian could not enjoy this great work of art unless he knew that no other human being could share the pleasure except at his will. It hangs in a chamber of his palace. Oddly enough, the subject of the picture which has excited this feeling is the Madonna and Child.

A companion story to this is that of a wealthy "self-made" American, whose chief pleasure was for years to accumulate autographs. His collection embraced letters from almost every English author, the original manuscripts of an essay by Elia, one of Dickens' novels and a lecture by Thackeray. His delight in touching and looking at these treasures was keen. They were friends and companions to him.

One day he gathered them all up and sent them to a free college for poor boys.

"It seemed criminal in me," he said, "to keep this great pleasure to myself when thousands might be made glad by it."

Happily, his generosity represents the popular impulse in this matter rather than the action of the Russian Prince. Almost all galleries in Europe, public and private, are open at certain times to students, or to any well-behaved persons.

In our own cities each year increases the number of museums and galleries made accessible to the public by rich and generous men, who hold that each human being has a certain unwritten heirship to the lessons taught by the great works of art or of nature.

You would not refuse bread to a starving man. Remember that there are all around you men and women shut out from looks, pictures, music and all the things which strengthen and develop life. Why shall we not feed the starving mind as well as the hungry body?—Youth's Companion.

An Explorer's Blunder.

The recent disaster to the German troops in Kilima-Naro, East Africa, seems to be the direct result of a curious oversight of Dr. Carl Peters, who, when he built a new station at Marigou, deserted, but did not destroy the fort at Mushi which had been constructed at an earlier date by the unlucky Zalewski. He thought that the British East African Company would take possession of it, but it did not, and thereupon Meli, an enterprising African potentate, seized it and laughed in the face of Herr Von Bulow when the latter ordered him to get out of it. Von Bulow thought he had men enough to repel him without much difficulty. His forces consisted of two officers, two non-commissioned officers, and 180 native soldiers. Everything went well until within a short distance of the station, when Lieutenant Wolfram was killed. The party was then attacked by 3,000 Wadshaggas, of whom 1,000 possessed breech-loading guns. On their attempting to surround the Germans a square was formed, and it was at this juncture that Bulow was twice wounded. Notwithstanding the rapid firing of the German troops, the Wadshaggas kept advancing with the greatest courage, and on the discovery that the ammunition would not hold out much longer, Bulow gave orders to retire. He himself being so weak from loss of blood that he had to be carried in a hammock, in which he received the wound which afterward proved fatal. The loss on the German side, as already reported, was thirty-two killed, including Herr Von Bulow and Lieutenant Wolfram, and sixteen severely wounded, among them the non-commissioned officer Bartel. The enemy's loss was estimated at between seven and eight hundred. The 47-centimetre gun, which the expedition took with them, fell into the hands of the Wadshaggas, but not before it had been rendered useless.

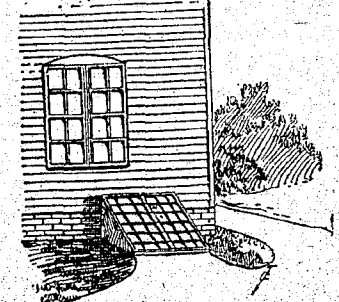
AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Cellarway for Wintering Plants—Pumpkins Make Yellow Butter—Feed Back for Poultry—Stock Should Be Sheltered—Facts About the Farm.

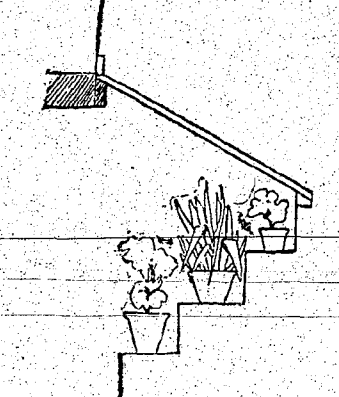
Convenient Plant Pit.

American Gardening gives an illustrated description and sketches of an ingenious plan for utilizing an outdoor cellarway as a plant pit. The ordinary outside cellarway is almost



EXTERIOR OF THE PIT.

invariably made to face the south, and is thus in the right situation. All that is needed is to substitute glass for the wooden doors, and make everything snug and tight, banking with earth if thought necessary. The inner cellar door is left open and danger from freezing is thus avoided. The cellar-steps serve as plant shelves. Many plants, such as century plants, cactuses, large cactuses, etc., that have grown too large to be accommodated in the sitting room or conservatory, can be wintered in any moderately dry, frostproof cellar. After placing these large plants in the cellar it will not be necessary to give them any water, the object being to keep them dormant all winter, which can be done by keeping the soil dry, but not so dry as to allow the plants to shrivel or become withered. Large geraniums, salvia, and heliotropes, roots, and even tea roses and carnations can be kept moderately well in



CROSS SECTION OF THE PIT.

the cellar by trenching them in dry moist sand. The leaves of all deciduous plants should be removed before they are put away in this manner. The foliage should remain on the cactuses and carnations.

Shooter the Stock.

That farmer spoke an everlasting truth that said in a Wisconsin farm institute: "My friends, one cold rain will injure my cows and sheep more than standing out a whole day, dry cold weather." He further said that it took a deal of time and preaching to get him into the idea of putting his stock under shelter in the fall. "I am convinced," he added, "by the experience of only five years that I have lost money enough by neglect in this particular in my life time, to pay for my whole farm. It pays me a big profit to see that my stock is kept comfortable the year round." A breeder of high-class dairy cows lately set prices upon some of his surplus stock, but before the buyer accepted his offer he was induced to have his milk product analyzed. The result astonished him and led to a complete revision of his prices. One 7-year-old cow which he had placed at a low price was found capable of yielding sixteen pounds of butter a week, and another cow gave him a similar surprise, while one that he thought more valuable than either could not yield seven pounds a week. Test them before buying or selling.

Pumpkins Make Yellow Butter.

Many butter makers feed pumpkins to the cows, and the rich yellow color of the flesh of this food is due to the large quantity of deep yellow oil in this flesh. On the well-established principle that the fats of the food go directly into the milk without change by digestion, it would only be reasonable to believe that the yellow butter made when pumpkins are fed is due to this yellow oil in the food. There is a common opinion to the effect that pumpkins are injurious to the cows, as tending to reduce the quantity of milk given. This is quite a mistake. This deep yellow color has been known to affect the fat of pigs that have been fattened on pumpkins so much as to make it unsalable, on the suspicion that the pigs have been diseased. The food is highly fattening, and one of the cheapest and most healthful, but as yellow bacon is not desired so much as yellow butter is, it will be desirable to feed pumpkins to pigs with buckwheat, which to some extent counteracts the high color of the former, and the addition of bran or shorts to the food will be a further help in this direction.

Ornament the Roadside.

The general appearance of the roadside can be much improved by clearing up the brush and loose fencing material, and by not using the roadside as a dumping ground for rubbish. Plant a few shade trees upon one side only, especially if the road runs north and south, as large trees on both sides shade the road so densely that it dries out very slowly after each rain. A few apple, or other standard fruit trees, with proper care, can be made to flourish and be as valuable along the roadside as in the cultivated fields. Weeds and bushes should be cut down each year, and it takes but a little time to make the roadside so smooth that the grass along them can be cut with a machine. They look

so much neater when thus trimmed, and the hay alone will compensate for all trouble involved in this road improvement.

Protecting Potatoes in Pits.

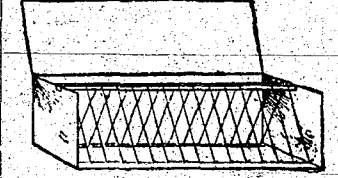
Where potatoes are put in pits with the earth covering exposed to a constant breeze it dries out, and frost is apt to penetrate it quickly when the thermometer goes down near the zero point. The protection of a fence or building to prevent the wind from striking the soil often saves it. If danger is apprehended, one or two loads of manure, with a straw layer next to the earth, will make a good protection. Under this shelter the earth will not thaw out until late in spring, thus preventing the sprouting of potatoes, which is only less injurious than having them frosted.

About Hens.

The Progressive Bee Keeper says: "By careful watching, most beekeepers could save choice drones and rear queens enough for their own apiaries, either between the summer and fall harvest, or after the fall crop is gathered in. We feed our nuclei and drone colonies when our queens are old enough to mate, so as to have all flying at once, and so lessen the chance of any misdating."

Poultry Feed Rack.

To keep the poultry out of their food is a constant study with most feeders, but notwithstanding the care exercised much is wasted and more is soiled. A first-rate feed rack for fowls can be made with slats, but it is a slow job and therefore expensive. I have found a quicker way and one



THE RACK COMPLETE.

that is fully as effective. Let a good trough be made of boards, with board ends one foot high, and into these mortise a stick one inch square so its top will lie flush with the top of the end boards. Now tack a piece of baling wire to the right-hand end of one side of the trough and carry it over the inch stick, securing it in the same way on the other side. Use latn nails instead of tacks and do not drive them close in, until the wire lacing is completed. Then they will carry the wire with them into the wood. A broad board nailed on top of the end pieces keeps the birds off the ridge and gives the wires an additionally tight fastening. Such a feed rack is lighter, stronger, cheaper, because the old wire costs nothing, more durable and cleanly than one made entirely of wood.—L. J. Simpson, in Farm and Home.

Farm Facts.

JUDGMENT must be used as to the depth of planting.

You get from the animal what was put into it—no more.

WE must adapt our schools to teaching what is practical.

LEARNING to do one thing helps in learning to do another.

EXERCISE breeding stock and keep up the bone and muscle.

SHALLOW rooting plants are best adapted to shallow soils.

SORGHUM as a fodder crop stands drought better than corn.

You cannot have the best crop unless you use the best seed.

Letting an animal run down to save food is a double loss.

On the farm is where the laws of nature can be best learned.

Blue grass, like other grasses, is valuable where it flourishes.

Do not be afraid of a little fresh air and sunshine in the house.

Rotting manure before applying it is facilitating nature's processes.

A too concentrated fertilizer is like too concentrated food—injurious.

Be sure of your market before you go into any productive enterprise.

The earlier grass is cut the sooner the second crop begins to come on.

Rare or full-grown grass in the pasture is always shunned by animals.

This farmer should know the needs of the crop and the lack of the soil.

Plenty of grass with a little grain will keep pigs in good market condition.

Keep your potatoes and apples in the coolest and darkest place you can find.

There is generally lime enough in the soil, but its presence is indispensable.

LAND plaster (sulphate of lime) is the best form of lime to use as an absorbent.

Careless Wastefulness.

A FEW hints in regard to careless wastefulness are well worth considering. Waste in the kitchen is often very great from apparently trivial sources.

TOWELS are used for holders.

The tea canister is left open.

CREAM is left to mold and spoil.

SCRAPS of meat are thrown away.

NAPKINS are used for dish towels.

BROOMS and mops are not hung up.

DISH towels are used for dish cloths.

COLD potatoes are left to sour and spoil.

LIGHTS are left burning when not used.

LADY TENNYSON.

The Little Known Widow of England's Great Laureate.

It is an illustration of the adage that famous men's wives never know finger in an obscurely consistent with her husband's renown.

For a great many years Lady Tennyson has been a confirmed invalid. When she was married to Tennyson, in the spring of 1850, there was no girl in England who was of a happier and more healthy disposition. But shortly after her youngest child was born she was taken with a so far incurable malady. Tennyson, as is well known, never cared for fashionable society, or, in fact, any general association with average persons; and the sickness of his wife in a great measure made his retirement more complete.

The conclusion that her ill-health enforced was not without result, however, and, although Lady Tennyson was prohibited from assisting in the manual part of her husband's work, she was able to soothe and comfort him in the hours of his tribulation, when caustic remarks of cold-blooded critics jarred on his sensitive nature. Lady Tennyson had always an unswerving faith in her husband's ability. In the dark hours of his life, when self-confidence was almost shattered by the venom of his traducers, her belief was to him a constant source of comfort and hope. There are few, perhaps, who feel the inspiration and music, the harmonious chords and deep truths of his writings as she does. The role of admiring auditor is specially adapted to her. She is by no means her husband's equal in mentality, but nevertheless Lady Tennyson is not a woman who lacks the attributes of genius. She has musical talent, and her works show an inspiration somewhat remarkable in a woman of her character. Her compositions are well adapted to such of her husband's poems as she has set to music. Lady Tennyson's music is better known in English drawing-rooms than its composer, and outside of the poet's homes in Sussex and the Isle of Wight few know her even by sight. And in the vicinity of her homes she is almost as little known.

Lady Tennyson's face is one in which refinement and purity shine and is every sense attractive. Her eyes, thoughtful and almost dreamy, are kind, and her features were it not for the evidences of her sickness, would be those of a Madonna. Her brow is pure and has the distinctive gentle slope of the aesthetic mind.

Getting Married in Vienna.

A word on a very delicate matter. It is a serious affair to get a good part for a girl's name; and it is a yet more serious thing not to have madame before her name. In consequence there is not that diffidence and false modesty on the part of the parents of marriageable daughters we are accustomed to see at home. If the proper person does not turn up, he is sought for until he is found, and it is a poor-spirited mamma who will not set forth the charms of her maidens to get eligible bachelors. If a younger sister happens to be married before the elder, she at once declares herself and is declared by the parents to be the older, her better luck and further experience entitling her to that position.

A friend of ours was astonished at a betrothal ceremony recently to hear the birth certificate of the bride, a young lady whom he had known several years, read out, fixing that event thirty-years before. All during their acquaintance she had posed as the youngest of a quartette of sisters who were married before her, and it was only when the deed was done and the groom secured that she unblushingly and as a matter of course resumed her proper age.

It was another young lady, whose name is buried in the bosom of her correspondent, who, with an ingenuousness that cannot be too highly commended, wrote a proposition of marriage to an American gentleman, which, for frankness and an absence of all false ideas on a very practical subject, has not, I believe, been surpassed. And when he, with a valor that has never been equaled on any field of battle, replied that such happiness was not for him, giving excuses that were feeble indeed, but at least showed the inclination of his mind, this admirable Austrian woman met him on his own ground, begged that he would trouble himself no more about the matter, and hoped that their friendship might be continued.

I tell these interesting stories with a sense of shame-facedness, because I have the feeling of somehow betraying a confiding and defenseless sister in its most tender aspect; but when one discusses the characteristics of a nation in a serious communication like this, individual sentiment must be sacrificed to historical interest.

Intoxication from Coffee.

I have very often heard it remarked that there is no drunkenness in Brazil, but the statement is untrue, not perhaps, so far as alcoholic drinks are concerned; but the whole country is perpetually in a state of semi-intoxication on coffee; men, women and children alike, and to babies in arms it is fed with a spoon. At all hours of the day and night, in season and out of season, everybody literally guzzles it. The effect is plainly apparent in trembling hands, twitching limbs, trembling eyelids, mummy-hued skins and a chronic state of nervous excitability worse than that produced by whisky.

Are you overworked? Are you over-tired? Are you weary, or sad, or suffering from bodily pain, or homesick, coffee is the Brazilian's unfailing panacea, as the Chinese turn to their opium and the toper to his toddy. It is brought to your bedside the instant you awake in the morning, and just before you are expected to drop off to sleep at night; you have it at meals and between meals, and whenever a caller comes in—always as black as night, bitter as death and as hot as—School. Connected with every theater is a garden or cafe, to which the people repair between every act to partake of ices, confectionery, wine, and—coffee.

Of Course Not.

In a 5 o'clock tea no two cups and saucers should be alike.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. J. G. Blaine is reported to be about in the same condition that he was last week.

The Southern press has hailed out the bloody shirt and have high sport shaking it in the breeze, since General Butler's death.

The rancor shown by the Southern press toward Gen. Butler will cause the North, in spite of his imperfections, to revere his memory "for the enemies he has made."

Your Democratic State or County treasurer always need watching. The retiring Illinois one is found to have been loaning the public funds to banks in violation of the pledge upon which he was elected.—E.

The Indianapolis Sentinel, whose Democracy is unquestioned, says that in selecting Mr. Murphy for Senator, New York makes an open confession that it is utterly unfit for leadership. But what are the Sentinel and Grover Cleveland going to do about it?

There is no surprise that Indiana's Democratic legislature refuses to appropriate \$50,000 for the entertainment of the G. A. R. encampment at Indianapolis next September. Indiana Democrats never did have a warm feeling for the veterans of the late war.

In one of its "tariff pictures," the New York Press shows that in 1872 this country was collecting \$5.23 per capita in duties on imports, while in 1892, under the McKinley law, it collected \$2.66 per capita. This shows the humbuggery of the free trade howls about "a worse than war tariff."

Reports to the state board of health show bronchitis, rheumatism, tonsillitis, influenza and neuralgia in the order named have caused the most sickness in Michigan during the week ending January 14th. Diphtheria is reported at 48 places, scarlet fever at 67, typhoid fever at 28, and measles at 23 places.

The legislature of Indiana, (democratic) refused to adjourn, or to take any appropriate action, when it learned of the death of ex-President Hayes. The average democrat does not seem to know anything about courtesy or decency, politically, at the present time, if he ever did.

Mr. Cleveland's attendance at ex-President Hayes' funeral will raise him in the estimation of all men whose esteem is worth having; particularly if it is true that it is a tribute of Mr. Cleveland's personal admiration of a very capable and excellent man, a pure and honorable official, an unquestioned patriot of high moral purpose and great moral courage.—Det. Journal.

Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, Cleveland's appointee to the Supreme Bench, died last Monday evening at Macon, Ga. He was a traitor to his country from '61 to '65, and should have felt at that time, if he had received his deserts. How he contrived to live to the age he did, under the name he bore, none but Omnipotence can tell.

Mr. Cleveland has now the distinction of being the only living ex-President of the United States. After the 4th of March he will change places with General Harrison and the latter will become the only surviving ex-President. The supply of ex-Presidents is lower than it has been at any time in the history of the country. There is no ex-Vice President living to-day. Mr. Morton, after March 4th, will be the only survivor of the Vice Presidential office.

Congressmen from the South, who served in the Confederate army, and were pardoned for their treason against the Government are the parties who are making such a great ado over the pensions of those who whipped them into submission. We cannot see by what right they are allowed to say who shall be pensioned or how much they may be entitled to. They received their lives at the hands of these men, when they were forfeited, and gratitude, if they have no sense of honor or manliness, should keep their blatant tongues still.

The vials of wrath of those who opposed the pension system, and who denounced as fraudulent persons who are on the pension rolls, are reserved for and poured out upon the heads of men, and their widows, who fought in the great war for the preservation of the Union. Why they should be singled out and made the objects of denunciation and obloquy is hard to understand, until it is taken into consideration that that class of persons are traitors, buttresses and foreign sympathizers of secession, are the denouncers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAWFORD CO., MICH.

(Continued from last week.)

Moved and supported that the Bond of Wright Havens be referred back for correction.

Moved and supported that the Bond of William C. Johnson be accepted, approved and placed on file.

Moved and supported that the Board now adjourn till to-morrow at 9 A. M., Jan. 5th, 1893.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 5, 1893.

Supervisor Sherman in the Chair. Roll called and a full board present. Moved and supported that the bill of D. McCormick be referred to three committees on claims and accounts for their investigation.

Moved and supported that the bond of H. C. Thatcher be approved and placed on file.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee on finance be taken from the table and placed in the hands of a special committee appointed by the Chair. The said committee shall be instructed to obtain a complete settlement with the County Treasurer, and to render to this Board an itemized report showing the standing of each Township with the County as well as the standing of every other fund, and otherwise the said committee shall have the same power and authority as was given to committee on finance in the October session last.

The Chair appointed the following committee:—Niederer, J. J. John Ham and Chas. Silsby.

Moved and supported to adjourn till 2 P. M.

CARRIED.

AFTERNOON SESSION JAN. 5, 1893.

Supervisor Sherman in the Chair. Roll called and a full board present.

Moved and supported that the Treasurer's bonds be referred back for further correction.

Moved and supported that a special committee be appointed to settle with Mr. O. J. Bell.

The Chair appointed Niederer, Benedict and Chas. Silsby.

Moved and supported that a recess be taken for one hour to give the committee time to see Mr. Bell.

CARRIED.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Michigan.

Gentlemen:—Your special committee on Settlement between the County of Crawford and Mr. O. J. Bell, would hereby respectfully report that we have made the following agreement, to wit:—

Mr. O. J. Bell is to pay to the County \$100.00 after one year; \$100.00 after two years; and \$100.00 after three years. The county is to give Mr. O. J. Bell a Deed of the property mentioned in the contract as per record and in security till the said payments are made. Mr. O. J. Bell is to give to the county a Mortgage on the said property, said mortgage is to draw interest at 7 per cent per annum.

JOHN J. NIEDERER, CHAS. SILSBY, COM. H. G. BENEDICT.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee be approved, excepted and adopted and the committee discharged, and that the Clerk and Chairman be authorized to execute the deed and take a Mortgage in accordance with report.

CARRIED.

Moved and supported that the Board adjourn till to-morrow, Jan. 6th, 1893, at 3 P. M.

CARRIED.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 6, 1893.

Supervisor Sherman in the chair. Roll called and full board present.

Moved and supported that the bill read be placed in the hands of the committee on claims and accounts.

Moved and supported that the Clerk be instructed to purchase an abstract book such as the register may instruct.

Moved and supported that the Clerk be instructed to purchase a book of Circuit Court Records.

Moved and supported that the Board now adjourn till to-morrow at 10 A. M., Jan. 6th, 1893.

Motion lost.

Notice of P. W. Richardson for final adjournment to-morrow at 10 A. M., Jan. 7, 1893.

Moved and supported that the Bond of Wright Havens be approved, accepted and placed on file.

CARRIED.

Moved and supported to adjourn till 9 A. M., Jan. 7, A. D., 1893.

CARRIED.

MORNING SESSION JAN. 7, 1893.

Supervisor Sherman in the Chair. Roll called and full board present.

Moved by Supervisor Hum that the bills read be allowed as charged.

CARRIED.

Moved by Supervisor Niederer that the bond of Calistus Clapp, be accepted, approved and placed on file.

CARRIED.

Moved by Supervisor Lewis that the committee report on claims and accounts be accepted and adopted and the Clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same.

CARRIED.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors.

Your committee on Claims and Accounts respectfully submit the following as their report, recommending the allowing of the several amounts as given below, and that the Clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same.

No 1. William Woodburn, \$ 30.00
No 2. Chas. M. Jackson, 25.00
No 3. Mrs. Wakeley, washing for Jail, 10.50
No 4. D. S. Waldon, Justice fees, 2.00
No 5. Chas. F. Kelley, Sheriff fees, 3.10

No 6. J. & L. J. Patterson, printing, 4.00
No 7. G. W. Love, Probate fees, 6.30
No 8. Chas. M. Jackson, issuing tax deeds, 10.25
No 9. Chas. M. Jackson, issuing tax deeds, 26.50

No 10. Benj. F. Sherman, 16.00
No 11. H. C. Thatcher, Stationary, 2.44
No 12. O. Palmer, Stationary, 3.75
No 13. D. B. Conner, Ex. charges etc., 1.39
No 14. Robert McElroy, Jus. fees, 2.00
No 15. John J. Niederer, 37.15
No 16. G. E. Carroll, 3.60

No 17. Richman and Bacon, Stationary, 14.60
No 18. Salling, Hanson & Co., Lumber etc., 5.60
No 19. Ishling Bro's & Everard, Stationary, 10.75
No 20. Chas. J. Tromlin, Sheriff fees, 10.65
No 21. E. L. Coats, Sheriff fees, 2.10
No 22. W. H. Smith, Sheriff fees, 5.35
No 23. Jacob Bernier, Sheriff fees, 4.40
No 24. Th. Wakeley, Sher. fees, 118.20
No 25. David McCormick, Sher. fees, 28.75
No 26. Th. Hastings Sheriff fees, 5.06
No 27. David McCormick, Sheriff fees, 4.55
No 28. David McCormick, Sheriff fees, 1.55
No 29. Joseph Patterson, Fees as Circuit Court com. 2.75
No 30. Wm. A. Masters, 49.11
No 31. Wm. A. Masters, Wolf Bounty, 10.00
No 32. David McCormick, Sheriff fees, 30.60

Moved by supervisor Richardson to adjourn.

Motion lost.

Moved by Supervisor Hum that the Sheriff be instructed to purchase 75 cords more of wood at the same price, 85 cts. per cord.

CARRIED.

Moved by Sup. Lewis that the notes of O. J. Bell be placed on the record of the Supervisors and then given to the Grayling Exchange Bank for collection.

Amended: by Sup. Niederer to place them in the hands of the county Treasurer.

CARRIED.

\$100.00 Grayling, Mich. Jan. 6, 1893.

For value received I promise to pay to the Order of the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Mich. One year from date, sum of One Hundred Dollars with interest at the rate of seven percent (7 percent) per annum. This note is secured by a certain real estate mortgage of even date herewith executed by Orvil J. Bell and Sarah E. Bell his wife, to the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Michigan.

Signed ORVIL J. BELL.

\$100.00 Grayling, Jan. 6th, 1893.

For value received I promise to pay to the order of the board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Michigan, Two (2) years from date, the sum of One Hundred Dollars with interest at seven percent (7 percent) per annum.

This note is secured by a certain real estate mortgage of even date herewith executed by Orvil J. Bell and Sarah E. Bell his wife, to the board of Supervisors, of Crawford County, Michigan.

Signed ORVIL J. BELL.

\$100.00 Grayling, Jan. 6th, 1893.

For value received I promise to pay to the order of the board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Michigan, Three (3) years from date the sum of One Hundred Dollars, with interest at the rate of (7) percent per annum.

This note is secured by a certain real estate mortgage of even date herewith executed by Orvil J. Bell and Sarah E. Bell his wife, to the board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Mich.

Signed ORVIL J. BELL.

PHOS. ATT.

Moved by Sup. Niederer that the motion in regard to blank forms be taken from the table for consideration.

CARRIED.

Moved by Sup. Silsby that the blank forms introduced by J. J. Niederer be laid on the table till next meeting.

CARRIED.

The following Supervisors bills were allowed as charged:

Geo. Finkle, \$ 20.04
H. G. Benedict, 15.96
John F. Hum, 18.12
W. T. Lewis, 16.20
P. W. Richardson, 29.52
Chas. Silsby, 20.07
J. J. Niederer, 19.20
W. Hickey, 21.00
Benj. Sherman, 19.60

Moved by Sup. Niederer that the proceedings of to-day be approved as read.

CARRIED.

Moved by Sup. Lewis for final adjournment.

CARRIED.

BENJ. F. SHERMAN, CHAIRMAN.

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Largest size, three stringed, three pedals, fine brilliant tone throughout.

Complete and warranted, with plush stool and scarf for \$250.00. Terms one-half down on delivery, and balance on terms to suit.

Several good second-hand pianos on hand taken in trade, all in good playing condition 75 to 150. Terms \$25.00 down, balance terms to suit.

New organs, six octave, solid black walnut, fine tone, durable workmanship with all late improvements, the next thing to a piano in playing capacity, \$75.00 on monthly payments, or \$25.00 down and balance to suit buyer. This is a \$125.00 organ.

We also offer a variety of very good organs for \$50.00. Terms \$15.00 down and \$10.00 every three months.

Travelling agents will charge you from \$25.00 to \$100.00 more than we ask, they have to do it to pay expenses. You take no risk in dealing with us, we are near by and established and if anything is not perfectly satisfactory we are ready and willing to make it so, at all times.

It is for our interest to do so in order to build up trade in your locality. We send an instrument to any one who desires to buy, who mean business, with privilege of examination and trial before we ask a cent, and if not satisfactory we take it back without any trouble.

Every instrument warranted for five years. Let us know what you want and we will try and suit you. Write now.

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WHEN THE GREAT CRACKERS, EAT CRACKERS, ANYWAY, Cakes & Biscuits, FANCY GRAHAMS, Reception Flakes.

NEW HOME LIGHT RUNNING SEWING MACHINE. THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST. Send TEN cents to 28 Union Sq., N. Y., for our prize game, "Blind Luck," and win a New Home Sewing Machine. The New Home Sewing Machine Co. CHICAGO, ILL. FOR SALE BY HANSON & BRADEN, Grayling, Mich.

GENTLEMEN! ARE YOU IN IT? MY New FALL and WINTER lines of OVERCOATING, SUITING, etc., are now ready for inspection and I will be pleased to show you all the LATEST STYLES FOR THE COMING SEASON. If you are in need of anything in my line do not fail to call and EXAMINE MY STOCK AND GET PRICES. None but FIRST CLASS workmen employed. H. FELDSTEIN, The Nobby Tailor, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

Presion National Bank & Detroit Mich. CAPITAL, \$1,000,000. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: F. W. PALMER, Pres., F. W. HAYES, Vice Pres., W. H. ELLIOTT, JAS. D. STANDISH, H. A. BLACK, JAS. E. DAVIS, H. S. FERGUSON, Detroit. W. D. PRESTON, Chicago. W. R. BURT, St. Louis. JNO. CAMPBELL, Madison.

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CLOSING OUT SALE! Beginning January 16th, 1893, I will close out my entire stock, except Groceries. These goods must be sold inside of 60 days, and at the prices I am offering them, they are sure to go. See some of the prices given below: Gent's all wool Underwear, former price \$ 1.25, now \$ 0.75. 1.00 " 50. Ladies' " " " 1.00 " 50. Childrens' " " " 90 " 50. 50 " 25. One lot of Boy's wool Half Hose, 25 " 15. Cotton " 15 to 25 " 7 to 15.

Do not forget our stock of BOOTS, which I am offering for less than 50 per cent off first cost. Our stock of SHOES at same discount.

Arotics & Overshoes for less than ever before offered. In Dress Goods we can save you from 40 to 50 per cent off of regular price. Corsets 25 per cent off.

Remember all sales after the above date to be for Cash or its equivalent.

Until further notice my Feed Mill will run every Thursday. D. B. CONNER, Grayling Michigan.

HOLIDAY GOODS! Consisting of Toilet and Manicure Sets, Photograph and Autograph Albums, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Work Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, JEWEL CASES, ODOR CASES, SHAVING SETS, Music Rolls, Bonbonnières, Poems and CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS, DOLLS, TOYS, &c., For sale by L. FOURNIER, THE DRUGGIST, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

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The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, LOCAL EDITOR.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 1893.

LOCAL ITEMS

Toys at Fournier's Drug Store.

Bay City has at last adopted Standard time.

Nice Cap Honey, at Claggett & Pringles'.

O. J. Bell was able to be out in town, last Friday.

School Books, at Fournier's Drug Store.

Geo. L. Alexander was in Hillman, one day last week.

Buy your clothing of Jackson & Masters.

J. A. Breakey, of Center Plains, has purchased a team of Colts.

Quaker Rolled oats, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Regular communication of Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M., this evening.

Call and examine Jackson & Masters new line of clothing.

Henry Bates, of Lewiston, was in town last Wednesday on business.

Grand Army button badges can be procured by comrades at this office.

All kinds of Vegetables, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Snow four foot deep is reported in the woods near Kalkaska.

Mrs. M. Stevenson, of Lewiston, is visiting friends in Grayling, last week.

For California fruit, all kinds, go to Wight's restaurant.

Geo. S. Weatherby, an old printer, died at his home in Bay City, last Thursday.

Pettibone's Breakfast food, at Claggett & Pringles'.

The Bay county poor farm is to have a hospital with accommodations for 30 patients.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Orth, Sunday, Jan. 21st, a daughter, ten pounds.

If you want a good Meat Roast, call on Chalker and McKnight.

The Post Office will be opened on Sunday morning from 8 until 9 o'clock, as heretofore.

A fine line of Dried Fruits, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Regular meeting of the W. R. C. next Saturday afternoon, the 27th, at the usual hour.

For fresh Apples, Bananas and Oranges, go to C. W. Wight's restaurant.

M. Doyle, of Niles, writes us that they have about three feet of snow on the level at that place.

P. Aebli, of Blaine has a good young fresh cow for sale. Address him at Appenzell P. O.

Twelve hens in Otsego county, owned by Willie Willes, laid 1,159 eggs last year. Industries here!

For Choice Pork and Beef Steaks, call on Chalker and McKnight.

Hon. A. A. Smith, of Beaver Creek, is visiting the Solons, at Lansing, and his old Hillside home.

Salted and Fresh Crackers, at Claggett & Pringles'.

A 12 year old boy, named Schwabey, committed suicide, near Auburn, in Bay county, last Saturday.

Plush Caps, of the latest styles, at Salling, Hanson & Co's.

The Columbia Band, of West Branch, expect to give a concert in Grayling, in the near future.

School Supplies of all descriptions, at Fournier's Drugstore.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Larabee's Drug Store, on second page.

The finest line of Canned Goods, in town, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Rev. E. E. Caster delivered a lecture on the public school question, at Alpena, last Monday evening.

Go to Chalker and McKnight's market for all kinds of Fresh and Salt meats.

Lillie Creighton, a young Alpena girl, froze both feet last week. Amputation may be necessary.

A full line of Cook and Heating Stoves, at lowest prices, at the Tin and Hardware store of A. Kraus.

A. McLain has filled his ice house with a superior lot of ice, clear as crystal and about 20 inches thick.

We will furnish our subscribers with PETERSON'S MAGAZINE and the AVALANCHE, one year, at \$2.60 per year.

H. Trumley has found his watch. It was thrown out of the house with his vest. The vest was burned.

For the best grades of Family Flour, go to Claggett & Pringles'.

The citizens of Mud Lake, Alcona county, are reported to be in a sad state of poverty and destitution.

We will furnish DEMONSTRATOR'S MAGAZINE and the AVALANCHE, to our subscribers, for one year, at \$2.60.

Conductor Brown, of the Michigan Central, this division, has returned from his visit to friends in England.

Hand made Socks and Mitts, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Grayling Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet on next Maundy evening, the 29th, at the usual hour.

Jackson & Masters have the finest and largest stock of clothing in the county.

Burton E. Thayer is now working on the Herald, at West Branch, having severed his connection with the Democrat.

Salling, Hanson & Co. have just received a fine line of Brass and China Lamps. Call and examine them.

Miss Fannie Staley left for Caro and other points in Southern Michigan, on Saturday, for a short visit with friends.

The largest and finest line of Dolls ever brought to Grayling, to be seen at Fournier's. Prices reasonable.

It is reported that Salling, Hanson & Co. have purchased Drummond Island, on which are 1200 acres of Pine lands.

We will furnish the "AMERICAN FARMER," free for one year, to all our subscribers who pay up past indebtedness, and one year in advance.

Ed. Douglas is moving from St. Helena to Grayling, where he will have charge of a single mill. —West Branch Herald.

Go to Bonnells' for Souvenir Photograph holders. Something new and Nobby, for Holiday gifts.

A house belonging to Dennis Ward burned at Cheboygan, early Sunday morning. The family barely got out alive.

Are you a Subscriber to the PRAIRIE FARMER, Chicago, Ill. If not, you should give it a trial. We know of no better Agricultural paper published.

The Michelson & Hanson Lumber Co., has shipped during 1892, something over 15,000,000, mostly manufactured at their Bugley mill.

If you want a first class Sewing Machine, buy the American or Domestic of Jackson & Masters.

J. K. Bates is representing Grayling Lodge, No. 356, F. & A. M., at the Grand Lodge, which was convened in Saginaw, to-day.

Wind Mill and Well Supplies of all kinds, prices as low as good work will warrant. F. DECKROW.

When your local paper does not suit you, just start one of your own and try the experiment of trying to please everybody.

You can buy your clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods of Jackson & Masters cheaper than at any other place in the county.

Regular encampment of Marvin Post, No. 240, G. A. R., Saturday evening, the 27th, at the usual hour. General attendance is desired.

For choice drinks, go to Claggett & Pringles'. Their Teas and Coffees are the best.

H. Pinkous & Son, of Cheboygan, will dissolve partnership Feb. 15th. Louis Pinkous will open a store in another portion of the city.

Great Slaughter Sale in Groceries, at Claggett & Pringles'. Prices, rock bottom. Call and see.

It is rumored that the Democrat of West Branch, will be moved to East Tawas, where democratic pastures seem fresher.

For fresh Crackers, Cookies, Bread and Confectionery, go to C. W. Wight's restaurant. He has just received a large assortment.

A letter from M. Doyle states that they have three feet of snow on the level, at Niles, and cold weather. He had better come back to Grayling.

We will furnish the Prairie Farmer and the "AVALANCHE" one year for \$2.10, and Demorest's Magazine, and the "AVALANCHE" for one year, \$2.60.

Miss Lizzie Bradley closed a very successful term of school in the Fauble district, Grove township, last week and came home Saturday.

A copy of Robinson Crusoe, with every purchase of merchandise amounting to \$25.00, made of S. H. & Co. It makes a beautiful Xmas present.

S. Odell was down from Waters, Saturday, and enjoyed the day driving a fine 3 year-old filly, that he bought in the South part of the state.

The Detroit Weekly Tribune will be furnished our subscribers, in connection with the AVALANCHE, for \$1.40.

Dr. Metcalf, Dentist, will be at the Grayling House, February 1st to the 7th.

Every body wants to read Robinson Crusoe. You can get a copy at the store of S. H. & Co., by purchasing Twenty-five dollars worth of merchandise.

A. West, while returning from Lewiston on Monday, saw five wolves, which crossed the state road, between here and McCormack lake. —Atlanta Tribune.

Moremore county's board of supervisors offers a standing reward of \$25 for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of a saloonkeeper who doesn't pay his license tax. The supervisors of Crawford county might add something to the contingent fund by taking the same action.

To all of our subscribers who will pay up past indebtedness and one year in advance, we will furnish them with the AMERICAN FARMER, for the same length of time, FREE.

Peter Brukenstein, of Bay City, fell and broke his neck, last Saturday night week. Two hours after he fell he walked home. He is now suffering from paresis.

Miss Adaline Holmes and her sister, Miss Frances Holmes, of Bay City, died from Diphtheria, last Sunday night. Miss Adaline was a teacher in the Graded school.

Muskegon county is a little short on money to meet present emergencies, and has decided to borrow \$23,500, so is Crawford county, but \$2,000.00 is the amount borrowed.

There will be a joint meeting to-morrow evening, of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans. A large attendance is desired.

Hunters have considerable poisoned meat scattered out in different places south of here, for wolf bait. Two wolves were killed by this means at Rea's camp last week. —Atlanta Tribune.

"Rory" Frazer, well known to everybody who has been up the river, was in the village Tuesday on his way down the river after a horse. He is a pleasant acquaintance indeed. —Mio Mail.

Volves are reported very numerous in the south part of the county this winter. Mrs. L. A. Irwin and Miss Gertie Meyers while making a trip to Rea's camp, on Hunt creek, on Monday, saw three. —Atlanta Tribune.

The Skating Rink is kept open Sunday, in Gaylord, and no one objects. But the Ministers are preaching, and even repeating their sermons on the gross violations of the Seventh Commandment.

J. A. Breakey and S. Odell visited Hartwick's sheep-ranch last Saturday, and were greatly pleased with the promise of successful sheep raising in this section. Mr. Breakey has 108 on his farm in Center Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hicks, former residents of Grayling, are spending the winter in Ann Arbor, where Mr. H. is studying for an advanced degree in the University. They will return to the Agricultural College, the last of February.

DIED—At the residence of her son in this village, Friday, January 20th, Magdalena Rosenkilde, aged 74 years.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. Gotlie, of Manistee, at the M. E. church, assisted by Rev. S. G. Taylor, and were largely attended.

DIED—At her home in Grove Township, Sunday, January 20th, Mrs. Charles Fautley.

The funeral services were held on yesterday, and the body buried in the cemetery in Blaine township.

We will furnish the Toledo Blade and the Avalanche for one year for \$1.80; the National Tribune and the Avalanche for \$1.90 and the Michigan Farmer and Avalanche for \$1.50, cash in advance.

The "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor" will hold their Anniversary Services, at the Presbyterian church, Sabbath evening, the 29th. All are invited to attend. A collection for Missionary purposes will be taken up at the close of the services.

The tariff is bound to engage public attention more than ever. The best protection journal for the price is the HOME MARKET BULLETIN of Boston. We will send it one year in connection with the AVALANCHE for only \$1.30.

One or more of our most good readers have been objecting to a local that appeared in our last issue, and we apologize as did an editor down South: "Don't stop reading our paper because you don't like what appears in it. The last cabbage you sent us, didn't agree with us either, but we did not drop you from our list."

"THE FALLS OF NIAGARA" is the title of a new book, beautifully printed and elegantly bound, containing some thirty different views of Niagara Falls reproduced from the finest instantaneous photographs, and accompanied by descriptive text from the pens of distinguished writers, extending from Father Hennepin down to Charles Dudley Warner and Sir Edwin Arnold. This sumptuous little volume will be sent to any address on receipt of the publishers' price of fifty cents. A similar volume, containing twenty large plates with descriptive text, forming an admirable practical guide to the Falls, under the appropriate title of "How to See Niagara," will be sent for the same price. Address, enclosing money order or postal note, Brentano's, 204 Wabash Ave., Jan. 26, '93.

Gunsmith Shop. I will open up the old blacksmith shop near the bridge, where I will make and repair guns and do other fine work in my line. Repairing of machinery a specialty. Terms reasonable. Give me a call.

H. B. WILLIAMS, Aug. 18th, '87.

Drunkennes, or the Liquor Habit. Positively Cured by administering Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

It is manufactured as a powder, which can be given in a glass of beer, a cup of coffee or tea, or a food, without the knowledge of the patient. It is absolutely harmless, and will effect a permanent and speedy cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. It never fails. This system of cure is the only one in existence, and is the only one that can be relied upon for the cure of the liquor habit. It is the only one that can be relied upon for the cure of the liquor habit. It is the only one that can be relied upon for the cure of the liquor habit.

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Butterfly Cream, at Claggett & Pringles'.

Muskegon G. A. R. men have adopted resolutions endorsing Louis Kunitz for state department commander.

A social club is about to be organized in Grayling, and will be incorporated under the laws of the State. The incorporators are Messrs. R. Hanson, N. Michelson, P. L. Barker, Geo. L. Alexander, J. M. Jones and other prominent citizens. Rooms over the store of Salling, Hanson & Co. have been rented and will be furnished in the best manner, and fitted up with every necessary equipment for a first class club room. J. E. Wilcox will be Steward and Janitor. Further particulars will be given after organization, and election of officers.

Frederic Items. We are to receive but one mail a day now and that on 10:35 a.m. train.

W. J. Dundas and family contemplate moving to Tennessee, some time next month.

James Wallace was passing the cigars last Thursday. The arrival of a little boy at his home, accounting for it.

People wishing to spend Sunday at Grayling, can do so now, as the morning and evening passenger trains run same on that day, as on week days.

RESIDENT. List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office at Grayling, for the week ending Jan. 21, '93.

Clark, Duke Night Geo. DeLeon, C. L. Praulx, Wm. Fish, John Schanble, Jake

Persons calling for any of the above letters, will please say "advertised."

J. M. JONES, P. M.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve. THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Piles, Chapped Hands, Chills, Corns, and all Skinfirruptions, and positively never fails. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by L. Fournier, Druggist.

Now Try This. It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a Cough, Cold, or any trouble with Throat, Chest or Lungs. Dr. King's new Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to give relief. No money will be paid back. Sufferers from Croup, Croup, or any other pulmonary trouble, find this the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at L. Fournier's Drug Store. Large size 50c, and \$1.00.

Specimen Cases. S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, and his system was disordered. His liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shephard, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his back. His doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by L. Fournier, at the Drug Store.

Public Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that my wife, Ellen Williams, has left my bed and board without any just cause, and I don't know where she is gone, and I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract after this date.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Jan. 3, '93.

For Sale. I WILL SELL any of my houses or lots on favorable terms. For particular information, call on JOSEPH CHARRON, May 3, t. f.

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GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE!

On Saturday January 14th, we inaugurate the greatest slaughtering of goods ever known. Every dollar's worth of goods in stock will be offered at less than cost to manufacture. This will be the

SENSATIONAL SALE OF THE SEASON. Prices will be no object. It's money we are after. We must raise a certain amount of money within the next thirty days. In order to do this we must turn our stock into cash at once. This will be a

SEVERE LOSS TO US. Selling goods at such ruinous prices. But we cannot help it. Desperate deeds makes desperate chances. Our loss is your gain.

THIS SALE IS FOR THIRTY DAYS ONLY. So if you want Clothing, Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Cloaks, Blankets, Shoes, Rubbers, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, &c., &c., you will save money by buying now. Don't delay! Come early and often and get best selections.

ROSENTHAL BRO'S.

For Quotations of Prices, See Handbills.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE. SCHOOL LAW. FOR HOME STUDY. 243 BROADWAY, N.Y. INTRODUCTORY LECTURE FREE.

H. A. KIBBY. Military and Civilian Tailor, Grayling, Mich. Office in Thatcher's building, corner of Pennington and Michigan avenues.

It is my desire that the people of Grayling and surrounding country should have the best order for clothing, if you will call on me, I will show you some of the latest novelties in Foreign and Domestic Wools, as well as the best quality of a first class fit is guaranteed to every customer. Call and see me, and be satisfied that I tell the truth.

The National Tribune, WASHINGTON, D. C., is One of less than Half-a-Dozen Really Great Family Papers in the Country.

IT IS THE ONLY ONE Published by National Tribune, devoted to the history of the war.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL (NIAGARA FALLS ROUTE). GOING

The Avalanche

O. PALMER, Publisher.
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

DREAM OF A CENTURY.

'TIS THOUGHT IT WILL SOON BE REALIZED.

An Electric Railroad Between Chicago and St. Louis Upon Which a Speed of One Hundred Miles an Hour Will Be Made.

Will Go Like the Wind.

When Ben Franklin discovered that electricity could be conveyed along a wire he had conferred upon humanity a boon, the importance of which even he could not realize. Little did he have of the coming telegraph, the first manifestation of the new-found law, nor of the telephone, the electric motor, electric light and many other things which seem to be actual necessities in the present day. These things were to come later. Of course, we cannot tell what were the thoughts that animated that brain as the lightning flash followed with marvelous speed the delicate thread by which he held his kite in the storm. But however wild his imaginations were, could he have seen a vision of the wonders of the after part of the nineteenth century, those wonders to which he held the key?

One Hundred Miles an Hour.

Not the least of these wonders are the electric motor and the dynamo which manufactures lightning. By

center of gravity of the cars being placed very low.

The Cars.

The coach will be strongly and compactly built, long and low and of light weight. The motors and passenger, mail, and express compartments will all be in one car, the entire weight coming upon four drive wheels, making the traction perfect. Each pair of wheels is driven by a separate motor. The forward of these motors is placed behind a long, tapering nose, so constructed that the air can be cut with the least possible friction. The drive wheels are six feet in diameter, and are capable of making 500 revolutions a minute.



RAILROAD CROSSING.
(Showing how the electric road will be run across a steam railroad by means of an iron bridge. Nineteen of these bridges must be built between the termini of the electric railways.)

The electric will be run on roller bearings so that friction will be brought down to a minimum. The top of the car will be but nine feet from the rail, and as the axles are placed on high trucks the center of gravity is brought very low. The weight of the car and its equipment will not exceed fifteen tons. Through trains will be run without stops. The

just come after him with a message. He knocks his head off. His tongue cleaves to the sun-burned roof of his kind-dried mouth. He takes off his hat. He prefers a request for an interview with a lady who might be willing to accept a situation to use in general housework. The lady is presented. "An' how many lay yer in the family?" "Five." He is alone. He hears an unfamiliar voice beyond the partition saying, as to an audience: "Thayre's a house full o' them." He suggests, in a hoarse, strange voice, that he will try for two. He is summoned. The candidate for cook is taller than himself; the "sickin' gyal" demands of him where he lives. He names the street. The two ladies turn to look into each other's faces; two harsh and hollow bursts of laughter grate upon the startled air; two faces look down upon him with playful commiseration, and he is once more alone. He goes out like a man walking in his sleep. He falls over a dog, and "begs pardon." He meets the office boy, and lifts his hat to that astonished young rebel. He sees his typewriter waiting for a car, and calls a hansom for her. He reaches home, and when the "ad interim" Ellen Eliza opens the door, he calls her "Madam," and apologizes for troubling her. You say: "Where is the new girl?" He says: "Oh? Didn't have time to go for her." And he is correct. She went for him. After this, perhaps, you had better not say anything to him about it.

Oh, patient, much-enduring, long-suffering woman, no man living knows upon what heart-aches and trials and tribulations of the flesh and the spirit his happy home is

FAST INTERESTS.

Some Figures and Comparisons Made by Poor's Manual of Railroads.

Poor's Manual of the Railroads of the United States for 1892 contains as usual a vast amount of information inaccessible from other sources. Some of the figures are mere words, however, unless comparison is made with familiar amounts. It appears, for instance, that there were 170,001 miles of railroad track in the United States at the close of 1891. This would nearly encircle the world seven times if laid in straight lines. If all the tracks were laid between Chicago and New York there would be over 200 complete through lines between the cities. They would take up a ground space over half a mile wide and about 900 miles long.

The liabilities of these lines amount to \$10,765,626,041 and their total assets to \$11,110,335,276. The railroads of the United States owe more than six times as much as the government but hold property worth \$344,709,236 more than their debts. According to the Vanderbilt standard \$7,000 is not a great amount of money, but it means comfort in old age to almost anyone. If every man, woman and child of every age, sex or previous condition of servitude in Chicago were to make an outright present each of \$7,000 in cash to the railroads, it would just about pay their debts. Poor's Manual doesn't say so, but other figures show these vast assets and liabilities involve the bread and butter of over six millions of persons in the United States. One person in eleven in the United States gains his living through railroads. They furnish employment to more persons than any other industry except agriculture. It makes a person wonder what in the world this vast number of people could have done for a living had railroads not been invented.

It appears there was a total train mileage during 1891 of 831,202,378. In other words, if the running of all trains had been done by one train it would have traveled 831,202,378 miles. This would complete the circuit of the earth 34,633 times a year, or in the neighborhood of a hundred times a day. The New York Central flyer between New York and Buffalo made the distance of 436 miles in 425 minutes. Had the hypothetical mileage train started on a parallel track with the New York Central train when it made its world-beating record it would have jogged around the world and passed the New York Central train nearly forty times before the latter reached Buffalo. The hypothetical train would have made forty times 24,000 miles while the more than a mile-a-minute flyer was making 436 miles. Pretty fast traveling, that.

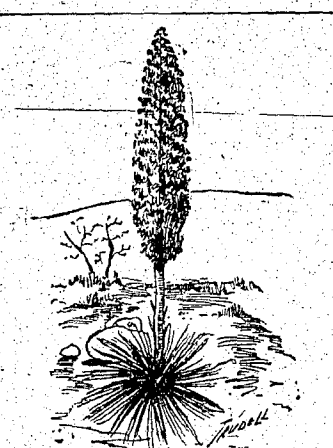
During 1891 there were 556,015,802 people carried a distance of 13,316,925,239 miles by railroad in the United States. That is equivalent to every human being in the United States having traveled 200 miles by railroad during the year. Have you ridden your share? Suppose every person in Chicago, including Captain Streeter and Commodore Yawlow, had each shouldered a ton of miscellaneous stuff and started around the world with it. Grant that every centaurian and babe in arms within the city limits was able to carry the ton equally with the balance of the 1,399,998 people. Grant also that they could carry the ton nearly two and a half times around the world during the year. As a result of these two drains on the imagination you will have the equal of the 81,210,154,523 tons of freight carried annually.

Railroads showed revenues of \$457,504,066, with a balance of \$40,250,732, during the year. How much of this balance is profit is a question which the payment of floating debts, vouchers, commissions and rebates can alone decide. Probably not half and possibly not a tenth of the forty millions of balance can be counted as net profit.

THE SPANISH BAYONET.

It Is the Greatest Triumph of Nature's Handiwork.

Among the almost innumerable varieties of flowers of California the yucca or Spanish bayonet, known also as the "Roman candle," is the greatest triumph of Nature's handiwork. It is a native of the coast range from Monterey to San Diego, and thence eastward to Arizona, and flourishes



A TRIUMPH OF NATURE.

from May to November without a drop of moisture. From a clump of sharp, bayonet-like leaves a couple of feet long, rises a graceful stalk, from three to four inches in diameter and from ten to twenty feet in height, bearing a dense compound panicle of small white blossoms, which, in shape, size, color and fragrance, closely resemble the tube rose. Sometimes as many as 2,500 flowers are crowded on one stem.

"SIAMESE" TWINS FROM INDIA.
Radica and Dadda, Two Little Girls to Be Seen in Chicago.
The new Siamese twins do not come from Siam. They are natives of Orissa, in India, and the following description is sent to the Pall Mall Budget by a correspondent, who saw them in Poona. They are to appear in London previous to fulfilling their engagement at the World's Fair, Chicago. The names of the children are Radica and Dadda. The two little girls are 34 years old, and are really pretty children. The peculiarity of

their connection is that there is a flexible bony attachment from breast to breast, and below this there is a visceral connection. There is only one navel. The children were born in a caul. If food is given to one the other is satisfied, and if medicine is administered to one the other is affected, but not to the same extent as to the one to which it was given.



THE ORISSA TWINS.

The most curious circumstance is that when a sentence is begun by one child the other frequently finishes it. When sleeping one child lies on her back and the other on her side, which gives an idea of the flexibility of the connection. The children are very good friends and seldom quarrel. The twins have excited a good deal of interest among the medical profession in India, and there is little doubt that their appearance in America will be welcomed by scientists no less than by the unsentimental sightseer.

A GAMBLER STARTS A CHURCH.

A True Incident of Life in Creede Mining Camp.

Creede Camp, Colo., is at present a perfect whirlpool of excitement. Rich mines are being discovered every day, and the town is full of gamblers reaping a rich harvest. Each day brings in a hundred people, among them the very good and the very bad. On one side of a narrow street is a richly furnished saloon, and across the narrow street is an undertaking establishment, each displaying a glaring sign. Usually no regard is paid to the Sabbath, and in the wild rush there are few thoughts of the spiritual.

But the champions of Christianity are ever watchful, and a representative of the Christian religion is usually among the first to be on the ground. Soon after the rush to Creede began, a Methodist minister went in with the crowd one day, and the first man to whom he mentioned the matter of desiring to build a church was Brownie Lee, a noted San Juan gambler. As a rule, the fraternity are enthusiastic over anything new, and are generous to a fault.

Brownie invited the preacher to go over to Watson's saloon with him, and he led the way. On entering the room, in which at least a hundred men were congregated, drinking at the bar or crowded about a dozen faro or keno tables, "bucking the tiger," Brownie jumped upon a chair and said: "Boys, here is a preacher and he wants to preach. Now, you fellows let up for a while and let this man have the floor."

It was Sunday, and it was doubtless that those in the saloon had thought of it before. Instantly there was a hush. The minister's champion then went to the rear of the room, where a platform had been erected for a keno case, and he called the caller down and the preacher was told to step up. He did so, and gave them an off-handed talk in true Western style.

Stricter attention was paid, and when he had finished, the immense room, which was 30x80 feet in size, was filled. The preacher said that he wanted to build a church in the camp, and told them that he would solicit subscription.

Brownie got up and said that he knew the boys well, and he would commence right there by passing the hat. He began, and the fellows began dropping quarters and halves. The gambler swore, and said: "D—n it, boys, put in bills. Coins don't go in this hat."

He collected about \$90, but did not seem satisfied with the amount. He told the preacher to go and he would attend to it further. The games were reopened and the gambling went on. Brownie took the \$90 and bought chips with it and sat at a faro table. He played about an hour and hauled out over \$700 and then hunted up the preacher and gave him the winning as a starter for the church. Great Divide.

Photographic Bullet.

It is no news that cannon balls and bullets can be photographed as they dart through the air, but Professor C. V. Boys has recently made some experiments in photographing flying bullets that cast new light upon their motion, and their effect upon the air through which they pass.

Professor Boys fires the bullet through a box lined with black cloth, and so arranged that the passing bullet itself completes an electric circuit and causes a flash of light in the box, which, though lasting only one-millionth of a second, suffices to imprint a photograph of the bullet on a sensitized plate contained in the box. Not only are the bullets themselves photographed, but also the atmospheric waves created by their passage. In front of the bullets are seen the waves of condensation, and behind them the waves of rarefaction, and interesting observations have been made on the peculiar forms of these waves.

As each bullet dashes through the box it touches the terminals of two wires in the electric circuit, and the little cloud of dust into which the end of the wires is pulverized also has its image imprinted on the photographic plate.

Professor Boys has experimented with the photographing of charges of small shot fired from shotguns, and the final result of these experiments is awaited with much interest, because it promises to throw light upon the manner in which guns of different pattern scatter the shot.

HAVE YOUR SLEEP OUT.

Only in Rare Cases Is There Any Merit in a Badly Rested Person.

The fact is that early rising is commendable only when early rising is necessary. It may be broadly stated, in a majority of instances, to be a misfortune rather than a merit. Granted that one's duties require him to rise very early in the morning, and that, correspondingly, he is able to retire very early at night, then the degree of hardship in the matter is reduced to the minimum.

Harper's Bazar admits that to go to bed when the birds tuck their heads under their wings, and to rise with their earliest waking chirp, is not so bad a thing. Who that has seen the marvel, the miracle, of dawn in the country—the wonderful tints and tones of the sky, the unrolling of the mists, the revelation of beauty on field and hill, slope and river—can feel aught but envy of those to whom this pageant is a daily recurring delight? But if one sits up till midnight, occupied in study or in society, and, conforming to his environment, rises in a leisurely fashion to a somewhat late breakfast, according to the customs of his family and his world, is he therefore to be branded as a sluggard? May not the late riser engage as fully and as successfully as the early riser in the business of the day, the chief requisites for success in which are, perhaps, good temper, equable nerves, prompt attention and a brain alert and quick to decide on matters of importance?

Thousands of people have no choice whatever about their hour of rising in the morning. Later or earlier, that hour is fixed for them by the requirements of the office, the shop or the classroom, by the time table of the railroad, by the arbitration of their employers or the necessity of their employments. But in the cases manifold where personal liberty is enjoyed it should not be thoughtlessly restricted simply because of the domestic tradition that early rising deserves praise and late rising blame. Breakfast may often be a movable feast without materially disturbing the routine of an orderly housekeeping day. Invalids, mothers whose rest has been broken by teething babies, and, above all, rapidly growing children, should have their sleep out. Nature demands this, and violence is done to her when sleepy people are rudely aroused from their beds. Early to bed is the single safe prescription to insure early to rise. We need to repeat it over and over to our hurrying, anxious, toiling American men and women: Rest, rest, and again rest. Do not think time ill spent that is spent in repairing the ravages of our well-nigh incessant activity.

What the solar system needs now is a good stringent law for the punishment of vagrancy.—Kansas City Star.

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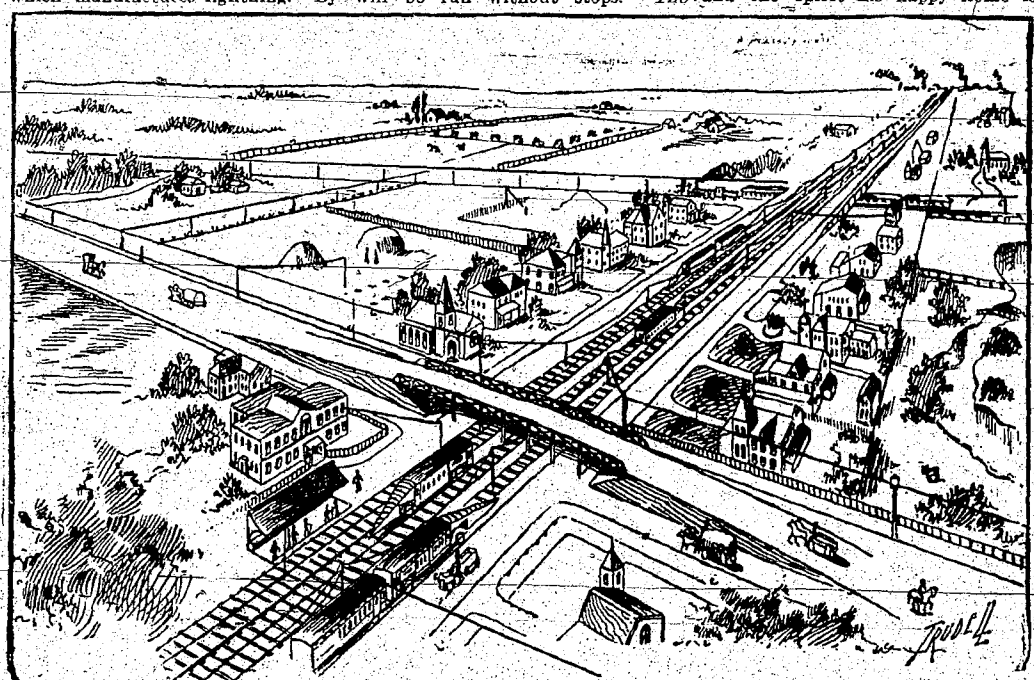
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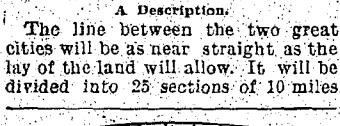


BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS ELECTRIC RAILROAD, AS IT WILL APPEAR.

their combination distance can almost be annihilated. What would have been thought 100 years ago of the person rash enough to predict a speed of 100 miles an hour with which man and things could be transported from one point to another? The development of transportation facilities since George Stephenson's locomotive made its trial trip in 1825 has been remarkable. What is perhaps the last step of the century in this direction is about to be taken. An electric railroad is already under way between Chicago and St. Louis which it would seem will solve the problem of rapid transit. On this railroad at the very start a speed of 100 miles an hour will be made.

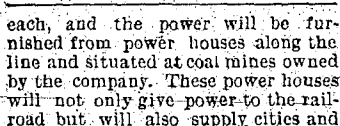
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The line between the two great cities will be as near straight as the lay of the land will allow. It will be divided into 25 sections of 10 miles each, and the power will be furnished from power houses along the line and situated at coal mines owned by the company. These power houses will not only give power to the railroad but will also supply cities and individuals along the line with light, heat, and power. The railroad itself will at first consist of two tracks, but eventually two more will be constructed. There are to be no grade crossings.



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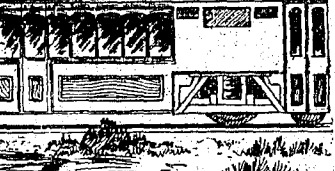
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Terminal privileges have been obtained, the right of way for almost the entire line has been secured, and the line has been surveyed. It is thought that the road will be in operation during the latter part of the World's Fair.

One of the cuts represents the car or coach. In front, just back of the sharp nose, stands the motorman, who controls the train by means of a keyboard in front of him. Just back of the motorman's compartment is one for high class express, and then comes the coach proper. Back of this is a compartment for mail and then the rear motor is reached. Elevated crossings are also depicted in two other illustrations. One of these shows the manner in which a wagon road crossing is thrown up over the tracks, while the other gives an idea of the way other railroads will be crossed by the electric road.

The Lamb Among Wolves.

He enters the precincts of the bureau. Black is his brow, and rasping with unwonted harshness is his voice,



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writes Robert J. Burdette of the man who enters an intelligence office in search of a "cook" and a "second girl," in the Ladies' Home Journal. Sternly he bends his gaze upon the superintendent. She lifts her own eyes a passing moment to meet his ferocious expression, tranquilly, as one who has been glanced in early infancy on just such glances from much larger men. She resumes her writing. There is something in the atmosphere of this strange place that chills him. He snorts "Good afternoon!" in one word, and in the same tone in which he had snarled "G'morn!" to his typewriter. The superintendent looks up pleasantly and says: "Good afternoon, sir," with excessive courtesy and just a little Boston icing on it. He breaks into a cold perspiration as the horrible thought sweeps across his mind that she may have followed him there to witness the battle. He looks over his shoulder as a murderer might look around at a ghost. He would give a dollar if the office boy would

found. If he did he couldn't sleep in it.

The Japanese.

The Japanese leave in the traveler's mind the memory of courtesy and grace, but even more deeply marked is the memory of their versatility and their energy. All men, he has learned, may be polite; cabmen and prisoners may be gentlemen. I never saw more grace than was shown in the courtesy which passed between the Governor of the prison at Kyoto and a female prisoner. But the chief lesson taught in Japan is man's versatility. Man's energy is indomitable, and his history in Japan repeats the lesson enforced by the Jewish prophets, that though only a remnant, a stump, be left, yet out of that stump may grow branches and leaves in which generations may rest. Thirty years ago men who have now the language and habits of highly cultivated civil servants were swarming with two swords and witnesses of hara kiri. A generation ago Japan was where England was 300 years ago, but by energy and versatility Japan, in science, education, knowledge and history, now takes its place alongside the foremost nations. This is the more remarkable because religion seems to have had no place in the development. "No one is religious; I believe in nothing; I believe in myself," expresses the attitude of young Japan. The Japanese are curiously deficient in the religious sense; they have never made friends with sorrow; they have hid sorrow behind a ceremony and waved off care with a blossom branch. They have missed therefore religion, which is sorrow's consolation, and have missed religion also the impulse which would make them original as well as energetic.—The Nineteenth Century.

A Bandit's Courtesy.

Cardinal Theodoli, the intendant of St. Peter's at Rome, who had just died, led, for the most part, a life of clerical tranquility; but he was fond of narrating one thrilling adventure. It was in 1874. Monsignor Theodoli was spending a quiet holiday at the abbey of Trivulsi, near Frosinone. While reposing under a chestnut tree in a neighboring wood one afternoon he was captured by bandits and carried off to the mountain-top. His servant, who came in search of him, shared a like fate. In the morning the chief approached the bishop respectfully, and with many apologies for the necessity which he was under, informed him that they required £2,000, which his servant could bring back, and then he would be set at liberty. There was no help for it. The servant was sent and returned. The captive was freed, and the brigands implored his pardon, saying misery had driven them to their mode of life, and protesting that they were good men. The heart of the bishop was softened. He gave them his blessing. The chief seized his hand and kissed it fervently, but in doing so contrived to abstract the pastoral ring. In justice, though, it should be said that about a year later, as the bishop was one-day crossing the bridge of St. Angelo from St. Peter's, an individual unknown to him, thrust a packet into his hand. It contained the ring.—Tit-Bits.

It doesn't take any capital to start a Mexican revolution. And when the enterprise fails there are no assets.

